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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND STAFF AND  
INSTRUCTOR TRAINING FROM 3-31 JANUARY 2009 IN PHNOM PENH

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¶1. This is an action cable. See Paragraph Six.

¶2. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S. sponsored training programs.

¶3. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S. sponsored security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals selected for the Staff and Instructor Training in Phnom Penh from 3-31 January 2009.

¶4. The following individuals are members of a new unit that falls directly under the authority of the civilian National Counter Terrorism Committee. In February 2008, the Cambodian Prime Minister signed sub-decrees which established the Cambodian National Counter Terrorism Committee Secretariat. The Sub-decrees dictated the formation of the National Counter Terrorism Committee Special Forces (NCTCSF), the action arm of the Secretariat, with Colonel Hun Manet, a 1999 United States Military Academy Graduate, as the commander. Oversight for the manning and structure of the NCTCSF was an international effort between Cambodian, United States, Australian, and South Korean government officials with additional input provided by Japan and Singapore. The screening of candidates for the NCTCSF was thorough, including verification that recruits were fit to serve.

--MAJ Pong Bunthy, Date of Birth: 10 May 1969, Place of Birth: Siem Reap Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--2LT Nov Savorn, Date of Birth: 03 April 1966, Place of Birth: Takeo Province, POSITION: Deputy Commander, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--CSM Samrith Phon, Date of Birth: 04 August 1978, Place of Birth: Takeo Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--CSM Nun Nil, Date of Birth: 05 May 1970, Place of Birth: Takeo Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Luk Traw, Date of Birth: 21 October 1981, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Som Sophal, Date of Birth: 13 March 1972, Place of Birth: Takeo Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Kuy Mony, Date of Birth: 06 July 1986, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Som Nimal, Date of Birth: 07 August 1986, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Un Phornng, Date of Birth: 05 May 1986, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Orn Sovannthorn, Date of Birth: 29 September 1986, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Driver, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Lay Saren, Date of Birth: 02 March 1974, Place of Birth: Prey Veing Province, POSITION: Cook, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Sim Bunthouen, Date of Birth: 19 June 1976, Place of Birth: Kendal Province, POSITION: Cook, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Meas Somphors, Date of Birth: 11 November 1986, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Cook, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Chay Sina, Date of Birth: 25 April 1982, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Cook, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--SSG Meas Som Orn, Date of Birth: 07 May 1975, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Cook, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--CSM Khem Somkhan, Date of Birth: 01 November 1983, Place of Birth: Kampong Cham Province, POSITION: Deputy S-4, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--Maj Lim Thong Eng, Date of Birth: 08 February 1968, Place of Birth: Siem Riep Province, POSITION: Medic Leader, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--MAJ Gnin Khundy, Date of Birth: 11 February 1972, Place of Birth: Svay Rieng Province, POSITION: Medic Deputy Commander,

Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--1LT Pun Ketnary, Date of Birth: 31 August 1986, Place of Birth: Kendal Province, POSITION: Medic, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--2LT So Mauk, Date of Birth: 10 January 1978, Place of Birth: Kampot Province, POSITION: Medic, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--Cadet Thouk Sotharoth, Date of Birth: 20 November 1980, Place of Birth: Kendal Province, POSITION: Medic, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

--Cadet Phon Chanthy, Date of Birth: 23 January 1980, Place of Birth: Kandal Province, POSITION: Medic, Counter-Terrorism Special Force

15. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above individuals.

16. Individuals will attend the Staff and Instructor Training from 3-31 January 2009 in Phnom Penh.

17. Action request: Please verify whether the department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights.

18. Points of contact for Amembassy Phnom Penh are Major Paul W. Turnbull at turnbullpw@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-219, or Janet Deutsch at deutschje@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118.

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